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Definition of accident in English:

accident



NOUN

- 1 An unfortunate incident that happens unexpectedly and unintentionally, typically resulting in damage or injury.

'he had an accident at the factory'

[mass noun] 'if you are unable to work owing to accident or sickness'

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- 1.1 A crash involving road or other vehicles.

'four people were killed in a road accident'

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- 1.2 *euphemistic* An incidence of incontinence by a child or animal.

'he had a little accident, but I washed his shorts out'

- 2 An event that happens by chance or that is without apparent or deliberate cause.

'the pregnancy was an accident'

'it is no accident that Manchester has produced more than its fair share of professional comics'

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through hereditary right or accident of birth'

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3 *Philosophy*

(in Aristotelian thought) a property of a thing which is not essential to its nature.

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Phrases

an accident waiting to happen

1 A potentially disastrous situation, typically caused by negligent or faulty procedures.

1.1 *informal* A person certain to cause trouble.

by accident

Unintentionally; by chance.

'she didn't get where she is today by accident'

'nomadic hunters probably ended up on the new continent by accident'

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accidents will happen

However careful you try to be, it is inevitable that some unfortunate or unforeseen events will occur.

'problems like these should not occur, but accidents will happen'

without accident

Safely.

'he was able to stop the train without accident'

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Origin

Late Middle English (in the general sense 'an event'): via Old French from Latin *accident-* 'happening', from the verb *accidere*, from *ad-* 'towards, to' + *cadere* 'to fall'.

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